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SUBJ: UN BUDGET - PARTICIPATION OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN
UN COMMITTEES

REF: STATE 211937

1. PER PARAGRAPH 2 REFTTEL, MISOFF RAISED IN LOW KEY AT
WEO MEETING SEPTEMBER 26 QUESTION OF POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION
IN FIFTH COMMITTEE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.
NO WEO REPRESENTATIVES ADMITTED OPENLY TO BEING AWARE OF
POSSIBILITY.

2. USREP (STOTTLEMYER) DELIVERED FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN
FIFTH COMMITTEE ON SEPTEMBER 27 RE TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE
FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS INVITED TO
PARTICIPATE IN FOURTH COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS:

QTE: MR. CHAIRMAN:

WE NOTE FROM DOCUMENT A/C.5/1610 THAT THE FOURTH COMMITTEE
HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AT ITS CURRENT
SESSION, SHOULD INVITE EIGHT LEADERS OF NATIONAL LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS OF COLONIAL TERRITORIES IN AFRICA RECOGNIZED
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BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) TO PARTICIPATE AS

OBSERVERS IN THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE RELATING TO THEIR RESPECTIVE TERRITORIES. THE FOURTH COMMITTEE HAS ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE UNITED NATIONS MEET CERTAIN EXPENSES OF THESE INDIVIDUALS.

AS MEMBERS ARE AWARE, I HAVE NOT OBJECTED TO THE CONSENSUS PROCEDURE FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THESE INDIVIDUALS IN THE RELEVANT DEBATES IN THAT COMMITTEE. I NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT REPRESENTATIVES ARE TO BE INVITED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ONLY FOR SUCH TIME AS IS REASONABLY NECESSARY FOR THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSIDERATION OF THE RELEVANT ITEMS.

IN GENERAL, WE BELIEVE THAT TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE PAYMENTS SHOULD ADHERE AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE TO THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1798 (XVII). WE HAVE DOUBTS, THEREFORE, AS TO THE PROPRIETY OF THE UNITED NATIONS MEETING THE COSTS, FROM ITS REGULAR BUDGET, OF TRAVEL TO NEW YORK AND OF SUBSISTENCE FOR THE PERSONS INVITED BY THE FOURTH COMMITTEE. ACCORDINGLY, HAD THIS PROPOSAL COME TO A VOTE, MY DELEGATION WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SUPPORT IT. UNQTE.
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